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THE UNITED NATIONS DAY 2009

OCTOBER 24, 2009

"Today, with 192 member states, the United Nations is the principle forum for all nations, large and small, to work in concert to meet the global challenges no nation can confront alone. The U.N. is vital to America's efforts to create a better, safer world."

-- [A Proclamation by U.S. President Barack Obama](#), October 19, 2009

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The anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter on October 24, 1945 has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. The occasion has traditionally been marked throughout the world by meetings, discussions, and exhibits on the achievements and goals of the UN. In 1971, the UN General Assembly recommended that Member States observe the day as a public holiday ([resolution 2782 \(XXV\)](#)).

THE UNITED NATIONS TODAY



[Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Message on UN Day](#) (October 24, 2009) - "The United Nations is doing its utmost to respond — to address the big issues, to look at the big picture. We are forging a new multilateralism that can deliver real results for all people, especially those most in need." ([Read full transcript](#))

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U.S. ENGAGEMENT WITH UN



The U.S. and UN: Advancing Opportunities - The United States seeks anew to work through the United Nations in pursuit of enhanced global cooperation. The Obama Administration's approach focuses on re-engagement on multilateral issues with the full range of the United Nations (UN) Member States and renewed commitment to help the UN address common challenges.

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